



October 10, 2012

Dear Friends,

On October 7th, the congregation met to receive the recommended terms for Fremont's dismissal from the PCUSA. These terms were negotiated and mediated with the Fremont Negotiating Team, representatives of Sacramento Presbytery and representatives of those who wish to stay in the PCUSA. The Fremont Session has also voted unanimously to recommend these terms to you for approval.

It is important to remember that this mediation process was led by scripture and bathed in your prayers. The goals were:

- A result that is God-honoring
- A result that reflects well on Christians to the community
- To provide relief to those who desire to change denominations (to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church – EPC)
- To provide care to those who want to stay in the PC(USA)
- An agreement that could be accepted and approved by both the Fremont congregation and by the Sacramento Presbytery

At first glance, the agreement probably provides everyone with something to like and something to question, and we understand that it will take some time to understand all the specific issues and nuances that affect such a mediated negotiation. At the forums, we will distribute a list of Frequently Asked Questions (and answers) that will address some of the questions that have arisen. In the end, we believe this agreement satisfies the above goals and gives all members of Fremont a way forward. It is critical that we continue to pray, to listen to God and to act in ways that bring glory to Him and give witness to our faith in Jesus Christ.

Over the next few weeks, we encourage you to review the terms and attend at least one of the forums that have been scheduled (see back) to answer any questions you might have and discuss these issues with leaders and other members of the congregation. If you were not able to attend the meeting this past Sunday, we encourage you to stop by the church office and pick up a copy of the meeting presentation and/or a copy of the full Dismissal Agreement. Those resources are also available on our website (www.fremontpres.org) on the home page under "Dismissal Update." We encourage you to attend the **Congregational Meeting on October 28, 2012 at 2:00 pm** to vote on these terms.

We are inspired by Paul's words in Philippians 2:13-15: *For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose. Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, "children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation." Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky.*

Blessings in Christ,

The Session of Fremont Presbyterian Church

Upcoming Forums

Tuesday, October 16 - 7:30 pm

Thursday, October 18 - 11:00 am

Sunday, October 21 – 10:15 am

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Upcoming Congregational Meeting (to vote on terms)

Sunday, October 28 – 2:00 pm